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BRIEF GUIDE OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC GENERATION RATES
FOR THE SAN DIEGO REGION



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NOTE: This listing only represents a *guide* of average, or estimated, traffic generation "driveway" rates and some very general trip data for land uses (emphasis on acreage and building square footage) in the San Diego region. These rates are subject to change as future documentation becomes available, or as local sources are updated. For more specific information regarding traffic data and trip rates, please refer to the San Diego Traffic Generators manual. **Always check with local jurisdictions for their preferred or applicable rates.**

LAND USE	TRIP CATEGORIES [PRIMARY:DIVERTED:PASS-BY] ^P	ESTIMATED WEEKDAY VEHICLE TRIP GENERATION RATE (DRIVEWAY)	HIGHEST PEAK HOUR % (plus IN:OUT ratio)		TRIP LENGTH (Miles) ^L
			Between 6:00-9:30 A.M.	Between 3:00-6:30 P.M.	
AGRICULTURE (Open Space)	[80:18:2]	2/acre**			10.8
AIRPORT	[78:20:2]				12.5
Commercial		60/acre, 100/flight, 70/1000 sq. ft. **	5% (6:4)	6% (5:5)	
General Aviation		6/acre, 2/flight, 6/based aircraft**	9% (7:3)	15% (5:5)	
Heliports		100/acre**			
AUTOMOBILE^S					
Car Wash					
Automatic		900/site, 600/acre**	4% (5:5)	9% (5:5)	
Self-serve		100/wash stall**	4% (5:5)	8% (5:5)	
Gasoline	[21:51:28]				2.8
with/Food Mart		160/vehicle fueling space**	7% (5:5)	8% (5:5)	
with/Food Mart & Car Wash		155/vehicle fueling space**	8% (5:5)	9% (5:5)	
Older Service Station Design		150/vehicle fueling space, 900/station**	7% (5:5)	9% (5:5)	
Sales (Dealer & Repair)		50/1000 sq. ft., 300/acre, 60/service stall**	5% (7:3)	8% (4:6)	
Auto Repair Center		20/1000 sq. ft., 400/acre, 20/service stall*	8% (7:3)	11% (4:6)	
Auto Parts Sales		60/1000 sq. ft. **	4%	10%	
Quick Lube		40/service stall**	7% (6:4)	10% (5:5)	
Tire Store		25/1000 sq. ft., 30/service stall**	7% (6:4)	11% (5:5)	
CEMETERY		5/acre*			
CHURCH (or Synagogue)	[64:25:11]	9/1000 sq. ft., 30/acre** (quadruple rates for Sunday, or days of assembly)	5% (6:4)	8% (5:5)	5.1
COMMERCIAL/RETAIL^S					
Super Regional Shopping Center (More than 60 acres, more than 600,000 sq. ft., w/usually 3+ major stores)		40/1000 sq. ft., ^C 400/acre*	2% (7:3)	9% (5:5)	
Regional Shopping Center	[54:35:11]	50/1000 sq. ft., ^C 500/acre*	2% (7:3)	9% (5:5)	5.2
(30-60 acres, 300,000-600,000 sq. ft., w/usually 2+ major stores)					
Community Shopping Center	[47:31:22]	70/1000 sq. ft., 700/acre* **	3% (6:4)	10% (5:5)	3.6
(10-30 acres, 100,000-300,000 sq. ft., w/usually 1 major store, detached restaurant(s), grocery and drugstore)					
Neighborhood Shopping Center (Less than 10 acres, less than 100,000 sq. ft., w/usually grocery & drugstore, cleaners, beauty & barber shop, & fast food services)		120/1000 sq. ft., 1200/acre* **	4% (6:4)	10% (5:5)	
Commercial Shops	[45:40:15]				
Specialty Retail/Strip Commercial		40/1000 sq. ft., 400/acre*	3% (6:4)	9% (5:5)	4.3
Electronics Superstore		50/1000 sq. ft.**		10% (5:5)	
Factory Outlet		40/1000 sq. ft.**	3% (7:3)	9% (5:5)	
Supermarket		150/1000 sq. ft., 2000/acre* **	4% (7:3)	10% (5:5)	
Drugstore		90/1000 sq. ft.**	4% (6:4)	10% (5:5)	
Convenience Market (15-16 hours)		500/1000 sq. ft.**	8% (5:5)	8% (5:5)	
Convenience Market (24 hours)		700/1000 sq. ft.**	9% (5:5)	7% (5:5)	
Convenience Market (w/gasoline pumps)		850/1000 sq. ft., 550/vehicle fueling space**	6% (5:5)	7% (5:5)	
Discount Club		60/1000 sq. ft., 600/acre* **	1% (7:3)	9% (5:5)	
Discount Store		60/1000 sq. ft., 600/acre**	3% (6:4)	8% (5:5)	
Furniture Store		6/1000 sq. ft., 100/acre**	4% (7:3)	9% (5:5)	
Lumber Store		30/1000 sq. ft., 150/acre**	7% (6:4)	9% (5:5)	
Home Improvement Superstore		40/1000 sq. ft.**	5% (6:4)	8% (5:5)	
Hardware/Paint Store		60/1000 sq. ft., 600/acre**	2% (6:4)	9% (5:5)	
Garden Nursery		40/1000 sq. ft., 90/acre**	3% (6:4)	10% (5:5)	
Mixed Use: Commercial (w/supermarket)/Residential		{ 110/1000 sq. ft., 2000/acre* (commercial only) 5/dwelling unit, 200/acre* (residential only)	3% (6:4) 9% (3:7)	9% (5:5) 13% (6:4)	
EDUCATION					
University (4 years)	[91:9:0]	2.5/student, 100 acre*	10% (8:2)	9% (3:7)	8.9
Junior College (2 years)	[92:7:1]	1.6/student, 18/1000 sq. ft., 80/acre*	12% (9:1)	8% (4:6)	9.0
High School	[75:19:6]	1.8/student, 13/1000 sq. ft., 50/acre* **	24% (7:3)	12% (3:7)	4.8
Middle/Junior High	[63:25:12]	1.4/student, 12/1000 sq. ft. 40/acre**	30% (6:4)	9% (4:6)	5.0
Elementary	[57:25:10]	1.2/student, 14/1000 sq. ft., 60/acre**	28% (6:4)	7% (3:7)	3.4
Day Care	[28:58:14]	5/child, 80/1000 sq. ft.**	17% (5:5)	18% (5:5)	3.7
FINANCIAL^S	[35:42:23]				3.4
Bank (Walk-In only)		150/1000 sq. ft., 1000/acre* **	4% (7:3)	8% (4:6)	
with Drive-Through		200/1000 sq. ft., 1500/acre*	5% (6:4)	10% (5:5)	
Drive-Through only		250 (125 one-way)/lane*	3% (5:5)	13% (5:5)	
Savings & Loan		60/1000 sq. ft., 600/acre**	2%	9%	
Drive-Through only		100 (50 one-way)/lane**	4%	15%	
HOSPITAL	[73:25:2]				8.3
General		17/bed, 20/1000 sq. ft., 250/acre*	9% (7:3)	10% (3:7)	
Convalescent/Nursing		3/bed**	7% (6:4)	7% (4:6)	
INDUSTRIAL					
Industrial/Business Park (commercial included)	[79:19:2]	16/1000 sq. ft., 200/acre* **	12% (8:2)	12% (2:8)	9.0
Industrial Park (no commercial)		7/1000 sq. ft., 80/acre**	11% (9:1)	12% (2:8)	
Industrial Plant (multiple shifts)	[92:5:3]	10/1000 sq. ft., 120/acre*	14% (8:2)	15% (3:7)	11.7
Manufacturing/Assembly		4/1000 sq. ft., 50/acre**	19% (9:1)	20% (2:8)	
Warehousing		5/1000 sq. ft., 60/acre**	13% (7:3)	15% (4:6)	
Storage		2/1000 sq. ft., 0.2/vault, 30/acre*	6% (5:5)	9% (5:5)	
Science Research & Development		8/1000 sq. ft., 80/acre*	16% (9:1)	14% (1:9)	

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MEMBER AGENCIES: Cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Coronado, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Diego, San Marcos, Santee, Solana Beach, Vista and County of San Diego.
 ADVISORY/LIAISON MEMBERS: California Department of Transportation, County Water Authority, U.S. Department of Defense, S.D. Unified Port District and Tijuana/Baja California.

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			Between 6:00-9:30 A.M.	Between 3:00-6:30 P.M.			
LIBRARY	[44:44:12]	50/1000 sq. ft., 400/acre**	2%	(7:3)	10%	(5:5)	3.9
LODGING	[58:38:4]						7.6
Hotel (w/convention facilities/restaurant)		10/occupied room, 300/acre	6%	(6:4)	8%	(6:4)	
Motel		9/occupied room, 200/acre*	8%	(4:6)	9%	(6:4)	
Resort Hotel		8/occupied room, 100/acre*	5%	(6:4)	7%	(4:6)	
Business Hotel		7/occupied room**	8%	(4:6)	9%	(6:4)	
MILITARY	[82:16:2]	2.5/military & civilian personnel*	9%	(9:1)	10%	(2:8)	11.2
OFFICE							
Standard Commercial Office	[77:19:4]	20/1000 sq. ft., [°] 300/acre*	14%	(9:1)	13%	(2:8)	8.8
(less than 100,000 sq. ft.)							
Large (High-Rise) Commercial Office	[82:15:3]	17/1000 sq. ft., [°] 600/acre*	13%	(9:1)	14%	(2:8)	10.0
(more than 100,000 sq. ft., 6+ stories)							
Office Park (average 400,000 sq. ft.)		12/1000 sq. ft., [°] 200/acre **	13%	(9:1)	13%	(2:8)	
Single Tenant Office		14/1000 sq. ft., 180/acre*	15%	(9:1)	15%	(2:8)	8.8
Corporate Headquarters		7/1000 sq. ft., 110/acre*	17%	(9:1)	16%	(1:9)	
Government (Civic Center)	[50:34:16]	30/1000 sq. ft.**	9%	(9:1)	12%	(3:7)	6.0
Post Office							
Central/Walk-In Only		90/1000 sq. ft.**	5%		7%		
Community (not including mail drop lane)		200/1000 sq. ft., 1300/acre*	6%	(6:4)	9%	(5:5)	
Community (w/mail drop lane)		300/1000 sq. ft., 2000/acre*	7%	(5:5)	10%	(5:5)	
Mail Drop Lane only		1500 (750 one-way)/lane*	7%	(5:5)	12%	(5:5)	
Department of Motor Vehicles		180/1000 sq. ft., 900/acre**	6%	(6:4)	10%	(4:6)	
Medical-Dental	[60:30:10]	50/1000 sq. ft., 500/acre*	6%	(8:2)	11%	(3:7)	6.4
PARKS	[66:28:6]		4%		8%		5.4
City (developed)		50/acre*					
Regional (developed)		20/acre*					
Neighborhood/County (undeveloped)		5/acre (add for specific sport uses), 6/picnic site* **					
State (average 1000 acres)		1/acre, 10/picnic site**					
Amusement (Theme)		80/acre, 130/acre (summer only)**			6%	(6:4)	
San Diego Zoo		115/acre*					
Sea World		80/acre*					
RECREATION							
Beach, Ocean or Bay	[52:39:9]	600/1000 ft. shoreline, 60/acre*					6.3
Beach, Lake (fresh water)		50/1000 ft. shoreline, 5/acre*					
Bowling Center		30/1000 sq. ft., 300/acre, 30/lane **	7%	(7:3)	11%	(4:6)	
Campground		4/campsite**	4%		8%		
Golf Course		7/acre, 40/hole, 700/course**	6%	(8:2)	8%	(3:7)	
Driving Range only		70/acre, 14/tee box*	3%	(7:3)	9%	(5:5)	
Marinas		4/berth, 20/acre* **	3%	(3:7)	7%	(6:4)	
Multi-purpose (miniature golf, video arcade, batting cage, etc.)		90/acre	2%		6%		
Racquetball/Health Club		30/1000 sq. ft., 300/acre, 40/court*	4%	(6:4)	9%	(6:4)	
Tennis Courts		16/acre, 30/court**	5%		11%	(5:5)	
Sports Facilities							
Outdoor Stadium		50/acre, 0.2/seat*					
Indoor Arena		30/acre, 0.1/seat*					
Racetrack		40/acre, 0.6 seat*					
Theaters (multiplex w/matinee)	[66:17:17]	80/1000 sq. ft., 1.8/seat, 360/screen*	1/3%		8%	(6:4)	6.1
RESIDENTIAL	[86:11:3]						7.9
Estate, Urban or Rural		12/dwelling unit ^{‡R}	8%	(3:7)	10%	(7:3)	
(average 1-2 DU/acre)							
Single Family Detached		10/dwelling unit ^{‡R}	8%	(3:7)	10%	(7:3)	
(average 3-6 DU/acre)							
Condominium		8/dwelling unit ^{‡R}	8%	(2:8)	10%	(7:3)	
(or any multi-family 6-20 DU/acre)							
Apartment		6/dwelling unit ^{‡R}	8%	(2:8)	9%	(7:3)	
(or any multi-family units more than 20 DU/acre)							
Military Housing (off-base, multi-family)							
(less than 6 DU/acre)		8/dwelling unit	7%	(3:7)	9%	(6:4)	
(6-20 DU/acre)		6/dwelling unit	7%	(3:7)	9%	(6:4)	
Mobile Home							
Family		5/dwelling unit, 40/acre*	8%	(3:7)	11%	(6:4)	
Adults Only		3/dwelling unit, 20/acre*	9%	(3:7)	10%	(6:4)	
Retirement Community		4/dwelling unit**	5%	(4:6)	7%	(6:4)	
Congregate Care Facility		2/dwelling unit**	3%	(6:4)	8%	(5:5)	
RESTAURANT [§]	[51:37:12]						4.7
Quality		100/1000 sq. ft., 3/seat, 500/acre* **	1%	(6:4)	8%	(7:3)	
Sit-down, high turnover		160/1000 sq. ft., 6/seat, 1000/acre* **	8%	(5:5)	8%	(6:4)	
Fast Food (w/drive-through)		650/1000 sq. ft., 20/seat, 3000/acre* **	7%	(5:5)	7%	(5:5)	
Fast Food (without drive-through)		700/1000 sq. ft.**	5%	(6:4)	7%	(5:5)	
Delicatessen (7am-4pm)		150/1000 sq. ft., 11/seat*	9%	(6:4)	3%	(3:7)	
TRANSPORTATION							
Bus Depot		25/1000 sq. ft.**					
Truck Terminal		10/1000 sq. ft., 7/bay, 80/acre**	9%	(4:6)	8%	(5:5)	
Waterport/Marine Terminal		170/berth, 12/acre**					
Transit Station (Light Rail w/parking)		300/acre, 2 ^{1/2} /parking space (4/occupied)**	14%	(7:3)	15%	(3:7)	
Park & Ride Lots		{400/acre (600/paved acre), {5/parking space (8/occupied)* **	14%	(7:3)	15%	(3:7)	

* Primary source: San Diego Traffic Generators.

** Other sources: ITE Trip Generation Report [6th Edition], Trip Generation Rates (other agencies and publications), various SANDAG & CALTRANS studies, reports and estimates.

† Trip category percentage ratios are daily from local household surveys, often cannot be applied to very specific land uses, and do not include non-resident drivers (draft SANDAG Analysis of Trip Diversion, revised November, 1990):

PRIMARY - one trip directly between origin and primary destination.

DIVERTED - linked trip (having one or more stops along the way to a primary destination) whose distance compared to direct distance \geq 1 mile.

PASS-BY - undiverted or diverted < 1 mile.

‡ Trip lengths are average weighted for all trips to and from general land use site. (All trips system-wide average length = 6.9 miles)

^c Fitted curve equation: $\ln(T) = 0.756 \ln(x) + 5.25$ } T = total trips, x = 1,000 sq. ft.

^o Fitted curve equation: $\ln(T) = 0.756 \ln(x) + 3.95$ }

^R Fitted curve equation: $t = -2.169 \ln(d) + 12.85$

t = trips/DU, d = density (DU/acre), DU = dwelling unit

[§] Suggested PASS-BY [undiverted or diverted < 1 mile] percentages for trip rate reductions only during P.M. peak period (based on combination of local data/review and Other sources**):

COMMERCIAL/RETAIL

Regional Shopping Center	20%
Community " "	30%
Neighborhood " "	40%
Specialty Retail/Strip Commercial (other)	10%
Supermarket	40%
Convenience Market	50%
Discount Club/Store	30%

FINANCIAL

Bank	25%
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AUTOMOBILE

Gasoline Station	50%
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RESTAURANT

Quality	10%
Sit-down high turnover	20%
Fast Food	40%